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UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)

Enclosed please find an Information Disclosure Statement, including copies of the listed references, for filing in the above-identified patent application.

The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), as set forth below, such that no certification or fee is believed necessary.

- (1) Within three months of the filing date of a national application;
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- (3) Before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

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Favorable action on the merits of the application is earnestly solicited.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

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- DE 19638221 (Germany) appears to disclose a connector assembly or assemblies for connecting horizontally and vertically extending structural members.
- 2. 0666425 (EPC) appears to disclose a connector assembly or assemblies for connecting horizontally and vertically extending structural members.
- DE 4208193 (Germany) appears to disclose a connector assembly or assemblies for connecting horizontally and vertically extending structural members.
- DE3537135 (Germany) appears to disclose a connector assembly or assemblies for connecting horizontally and vertically extending structural members.
- 5. DT 2725637 (Germany) appears to disclose a connector assembly or assemblies for connecting horizontally and vertically extending structural members.

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- 6. 2,333,993 (France) appears to disclose a connector assembly or assemblies for connecting horizontally and vertically extending structural members.
- 7. 2,160,513 (Germany) appears to disclose a connector assembly or assemblies for connecting horizontally and vertically extending structural members.
- 8. 962,312 (Great Britain) appears to disclose a connector assembly or assemblies for connecting horizontally and vertically extending structural members.
- 9. 1,220,067 (France) appears to disclose a connector assembly or assemblies for connecting horizontally and vertically extending structural members.
- 93,366 (Germany) appears to disclose a connector assembly or assemblies
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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or

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constitute "prior art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-2463.

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